

## REVISION OF U. S. TAX LAWS URGED

Sec. Houston Recommends Higher Income Tax, Repeal of Excess Profits Tax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Immediate revision of the nation's tax laws on the basis of an annual levy of four billions of dollars for a period of four years, and including an increase of two per cent in the taxes on incomes up to \$5000, is urged by Secretary Houston in his annual report sent today to congress.

Repeal of the excess profits taxes, elimination of certain of the so-called luxury taxes, including the levy on soda fountain and similar beverages, and a readjustment of the rates in the higher groups of income taxes, is proposed by the treasury chief, to meet the losses brought about by these proposed changes. Mr. Houston recommends revised and new taxes to yield about \$2,000,000,000, as follows:

**PROPOSED HIGHER RATES.**  
A tax of 20 per cent on corporation profits, distributed or undistributed, in addition to application of a higher surtax rate to yield \$600,000,000.

An additional tax of 6 per cent on corporation incomes to yield \$465,000,000.

Readjustment of surtax rates on incomes to yield an additional \$250,000,000.

Abolishment of the \$2000 exemption allowed corporations on income to yield \$500,000.

An increase from the present 4 per cent to six per cent in the tax on incomes of \$5000 or less and from 8 per cent to 12 per cent in the tax on incomes between \$5000 and \$10,000, the whole estimated to yield \$150,000,000 annually.

A tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline for motor cars and all other purposes, to yield \$20,000,000.

A federal license tax of 50 cents per horsepower on the use of motor cars to yield \$100,000,000.

An additional sales tax on automobiles (other than trucks and vans) and motorcycles and motor car accessories to yield \$100,000,000.

A ten per cent additional tax on theatrical admissions to yield \$70,000,000.

An additional tax of \$2 per thousand on cigarettes to yield \$70,000,000.

An additional tax of 25 cents per thousand on cigars to yield \$5,000,000.

An additional tax of 6 cents per pound on tobacco and snuff to yield \$8,000,000.

An additional tax of 5 per cent on candy to yield \$20,000,000.

An additional tax of 7 per cent on chewing gum to yield \$2,000,000.

An additional tax of 7 per cent on toilet soap and toilet-soap powders to yield \$4,000,000.

A 10 per cent tax on the sale by manufacturers, producers or importers of perfumes, cosmetics and medicinal articles in lieu of the present tax on the consumer to yield \$10,000,000.

An additional five per cent tax on jewelry and precious metals to yield \$25,000,000.

An additional tax of 5 per cent on musical instruments to yield \$15,000,000.

An additional tax of 5 per cent on motion picture films to yield \$4,000,000.

**INCOME TAX SUGGESTIONS.**  
In the readjustment of surtaxes, Mr. Houston proposes the division of



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incomes into "saved" or reinvested and "spent." On the former class he would limit the highest tax to 20 per cent while the income spent would be subjected to a tax ranging as high as 50 per cent. Under the plan proposed by the secretary, incomes between \$5000 and \$6000 would be taxed 2 per cent on the part saved and the same on the part spent. The same ratio with a graduated increase would apply to incomes up to \$30,000 where the maximum of 20 per cent on saved income is reached. From \$30,000 to \$40,000, the rates would be 20 per cent on saved and 25 per cent on spent; \$40,000 to \$50,000, 20 per cent and 30 per cent; \$50,000 to \$75,000, 20 per cent and 35 per cent; \$75,000 to \$100,000, 20 per cent and 40 per cent; and over \$100,000, 20 per cent and 50 per cent or a total tax of 70 per cent.

The present maximum rate is 70 per cent on incomes of \$1,000,000, but Mr. Houston declares it has "long passed the point of its minimum productivity," since it encourages the investment in tax-exempt securities. He says the "only effective way to tax the rich is to adopt rates that do not force investment in tax-exempt securities."

The new rates while not laying as high a levy against the great incomes will, the secretary expects, produce a greater return to the government since the wealthy class will not find it profitable to invest in bonds of states, counties or municipalities which are tax-exempt, but pay a lower rate of interest.

**OPPOSES PETTY TAXES.**  
"These possible sources of income are mentioned for the information of congress," Mr. Houston says. "While I shall not attempt to discuss them, attention should be called to the fact that the wealthy class will not find it profitable to invest in bonds of states, counties or municipalities which are tax-exempt, but pay a lower rate of interest."

Reasons have been given for the belief that no valid objection exists to the employment of modern machinery by the government in the collection of consumption taxes properly selected, but it would, in my opinion,

be neither wise nor expedient to increase radically the volume of consumption taxes. The articles included in the suggested list of additional consumption taxes have not been selected because their use is particularly harmful or in any sense less legitimate than those not included. Consumption taxes must be judged by practical standards. What should be sought are a few consumption taxes which tap the surplus income which is being wasted, not a conglomerate multiplication of petty taxes upon every article of luxurious or unnecessary consumption which can neither be clearly defined, cheaply collected nor administered without widespread evasion."

The repeal of the tax on soda fountain and other beverages is asked, the secretary says, because the collection of the tax, the aggregate of which is small, has presented an administrative problem of magnitude. Added to that, Mr. Houston says, there has been constant and widespread evasion of such taxes.

**EXCESS PROFITS TAX WRONG.**  
The excess profits tax, Mr. Houston declares, has not fulfilled the theoretical grounds upon which it was enacted and has been found to be wrong both in theory and in political philosophy. He says it discriminated against the conservatively financed corporation while aiding materially the firm whose capitalization is exaggerated. He urges that it be replaced by some form of a corporation profits tax "not only on the grounds of the government's revenue needs, but upon grounds of equality and justice."

The corporation profits, the secretary continues, should not be allowed to escape with a tax of 10 per cent while other tax payers are subjected to taxes on their incomes ranging as high as 70 per cent.

Mr. Houston again urges the necessity for rigid economy in government expenditures, and says that only by conserving the finances carefully can the expenditures be kept within the

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## JAPS PUT DOWN KOREAN REBELS

Villagers Slaughtered, Houses Burned by Troops After False Directions Given

TOKIO, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press)—Armed bands of Korean multitudes have been broken up as the result of important skirmishes, which extended over several days near Changdon, Korea. It is officially reported. The Koreans, who held forest positions, are reported to have fought stubbornly. The Japanese captured three machine guns and 500 rifles. One machine gun was manufactured by an American firm and bore the British crown, the official mark placed on arms used in the British army. Repetitions were carried out against one village where the inhabitants gave false information which led Japanese troops into ambush. Seventy houses were burned and a number of villagers were shot. In another town 120 houses, several churches and school buildings, as well as other structures, were destroyed, and 50 persons were executed, it is said.

**POSTMASTERS APPOINTED**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Appointments of postmasters sent to congress today include: Emory D. Miller, Nogales, Arizona; Herman S. Daniels, Omaha, Neb.; Harry R. de Mallinon, Aberdeen, S. D.; J. Guthrie Lundman, Lincoln, Neb.; J. M. Jones, Portland, Ore.; Julius F. Kerberg, Sioux City, Ia.

**ADD 10 ARMENIA UNDER**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The recommendations were not made public. They were formulated at the request of the principal allied powers and it was explained that they had no direct bearing upon the productive efforts of the presidential mediation in Armenia.

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## TARIFF REVISION DUE IN SPRING

Will Feature Extra Session of Congress Following Inauguration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Revision of the tariff will be one of the first things sought at the extra session of congress which President-elect Harding is expected to call immediately after his inauguration. Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee said today after a conference of the committee members of the committee to decide on a legislative program for this session.

Changes in the tax laws also will be considered by the committee before the Christmas recess of the present congress, Mr. Fordney said. The hearings on the tariff revision will begin on January 6.

Chairman Fordney said it was planned to begin actual drafting of the new tariff bill as soon as the special session of congress convened, probably in mid-March.

## EXPRESS CLERK TO FACE CHARGE OF BOND THEFT

**EXPRESS CLERK**  
SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 8.—Arthur Bennett Smith, in custody of detectives who arrested him at Lone, Wash., is expected to leave today for St. Louis to answer to charges of the theft of bonds of the American Railway Express company. He spent last night with detectives in a local hotel. Smith declared to interviewers here that he spent all the money realized from the sale of \$15,000 worth of the bonds. He said he had told the officers where the securities were sold and that they have been recovered.

English churches are allowing religious films to be shown to their congregations.

## STUDENTS AT ST. JOHN'S AGAIN START AN UPROAR

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 8.—Disruption at St. John's college is again in a state of turmoil, it became known last night. Hazing and other breaches of regulations have been uncovered, despite the pledge to which the students subscribed upon their return a few weeks ago following a general "walk-out" of the cadet corps, because of alleged "prevarications" toward the board of governors and visitors.

Dr. J. R. Tupper, acting president of the college, admitted the seriousness of the situation but said no formal announcement would be made at present. The faculty has been in almost continuous session in an "effort to forget out the offenders." The report is that a number of members of the upper classes, engaged in a lark on the rear campus at the expense of one or more freshmen. The story had it that a freshman who was ordered to proceed to the French memorial monument and there deliver a speech after which there was a "hazing" is also reported that several students have left the institution recently.

## JAPS TELL HOME FOLKS OF KIND TREATMENT HERE

TOKIO, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press)—A Japanese official recently arrived here from the United States today denied reports that they had left America because of ill-treatment and anti-Japanese feeling. A representative member of the party declared the Japanese never suffered because of race prejudice and were always fairly treated. The party, he said, had made money during the war and thus could afford to make a trip to the motherland.

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